(c) the time by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The construction of Kazhakkuttam to Kovalam (length 22.5 kms) portion of Trivandrum Neyyattinkara bypass is in different stages of progress. A length of 2.82 kms has already been completed and opened to traffic. In a length of 7.43 kms, road works are in progress. Construction of another 10.25 kms is included in Annual Plan 1991-92. In the remaining 2 kms length, land is still to be acquired.

(b) A sum of Rs. 797.70 lakhs has been spent so far on construction of the byepass.

(c) As land acquisition proceedings in some portion are still in progress, it is too early to indicate the likely date of completion of the byepass.

Re-Employment of Army Deserters

5300. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether army deserters who had left their barracks in 1984 are proposed to be re-employed;

(b) if so, the number of such deserters; and

(c) the number of those who have been already re-employed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Out of 2709 personnel of the Army, who were punished for various acts of indiscipline, including desertion, in the wake of Operation Bluestar (1984), 2297 personnel were retained in the Army. Of the remaining 412,50 have been re-employed by the Government of Punjab and 240 have been offered employment by the Central Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings. One person is undergoing life imprisonment on charge of murder.

The names of the remaining 121 personnel have already been circulated to Central Government Departments, Central Public Sector Undertakings etc for providing suitable employment on preferential basis in relaxation of age limit, educational qualifications and Employment Exchange procedures.

[Translation]

Road Accidents in Delhi

5301. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of road accidents in Delhi has increased due to fast driving of D.T.C. buses and private buses running under D.T.C. operation or S.T.A. permits; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fix any speed limit to check the increase in number of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Issue of Partly Convertible Debentures by Companies

5302. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: